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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS:
MATTER OF HAZNERS: REQUEST FOR EVIDENCE

REF: BOYLAN/PRESTON TELCON 1/9/78;
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1. EMBASSY NOTIFIED BY RUSEK'S OFFICE THAT
ISAAC NIEDEL'S STATEMENT WAS NOT SENT TO
ATTORNEY MENDELSON ON JANUARY 1. FOLLOWING
LETTER SIGNED BY RUSEK WAS SENT TO MENDELSON
ON JANUARY 2:

DEAR MR. MENDELSON.
THE STATEMENT OF MR. ISAAC NIEDEL REFERS
SPECIFICALLY TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE NAZI
CRIMINAL VICTOR ARAJS DURING THE PERIOD OF
THE NAZI OCCUPATION. THE NAME HAZNER WAS
INDEED MENTIONED BY THE WITNESS BUT ONLY
IN CONNECTION OF PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES
AGAINST JEWS, TOGETHER WITH ARABS. THE
WITNESS HAS NEVER SEEN HAZNER AND THEREFORE
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IS NOT ABLE TO GIVE ANY GENERAL DESCRIPTION OR
EXPLANATION CONCERNING HIS FUNCTION WITHIN
THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SERVICE TO THE NAZIS.
HE HEARD THE NAME HAZNER FROM ONE OF HIS
FRIENDS WHOSE IDENTITY HE CAN'T REMEMBER.
THE STATEMENT OF MR. NIEDEL WAS RECORDED
WORD FOR WORD AS IT WAS TOLD TO ALL INVESTI-

GATORS MR. ORBACH, BUT AFTER A PERSONAL TALK
I HAD WITH THE WITNESS I WAS CONVINCED THAT
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE ANYTHING IN
ORDER TO ADVANCE THE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS
AGAINST HAZNER.

IN CASE YOUR OPINION IS DIFFERENT, PLEASE LET
ME KNOW AND I WILL BE GLAD TO ACT ACCORDING
TO YOUR DIRECTIVES.SINCERELY YOURS,
MENACHEM RUSEK, SUPERINTENDENT
LEWIS

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